

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 remain pending.

In this Reply, Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 7-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have rewritten claim 6 as a dependent claim, depending from claim 1. Applicants have amended the title of the invention and page 14 of the specification.

Objection to the Specification

In reply to the Examiner's indication that the title of the invention is not sufficiently descriptive, Applicants have amended the title to read --DIGITAL CAMERA RECORDING IMAGE FRAME AND PRINTING INFORMATION FILES ON A RECORDING MEDIUM-- to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve this title or suggest a title that would be acceptable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5 are allowed. In this Reply, Applicants have amended claim 6 so as to depend from allowable claim 1 and have canceled claims 7-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims should now be in clear condition for allowance.

Prior Art Rejection

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over *Parulski et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,573,927) in view of Kodak DCS 100 User's Manual (excerpts, ch. 3). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently-pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As set forth on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 6 by asserting that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine aspects of the "tag" feature described in the Kodak DCS 100 User's Manual at pp. 3-24, 3-25 with the digital still camera system of *Parulski*. While Applicants do not agree that this stated grounds of rejection establishes *prima facie* obviousness of claim 6, Applicants have rewritten claim 6 to depend from allowable claim 1 in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants submit that this amendment has rendered the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

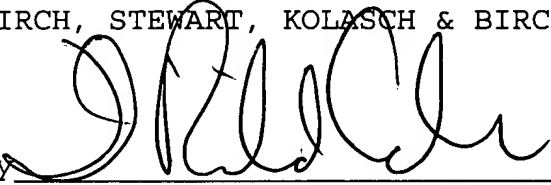
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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